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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/410,996 filed on September 16, 2003.

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For: RECONFIGURABLE OPTICAL NODE WITH DISTRIBUTED SPECTRAL FILTERING

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of twenty-two (22) pages
- Nine (9) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant does not claim priority

Executed Declaration ( Original  Photocopy)

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Preliminary Amendment

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